On the igth about twelve o'clock at night some of the King's nobility and eight gentlemen approached the castle of St Kathenne, and there the pioneers began to build a fort, and, because it could not be finished in one night, the King's nobles and twenty-five of the Loid General's principal gentlemen, armed with pikes, came thither to guard against any sally that should be made out of the town or castle , and about an hour after day, the King himself came to cheei the pioneers to work and the rest to a resolute defence The King seemed very desirous of some sport, and turning to Mr Thomas Conmgsby asked him whether the enemy would sally or no , who answered that if they were honest men they should, but if they were Englishmen they would, to which the King replied, * By my faith, I believe it' In the evening came news that the Lord General was to return to England in the moinmg

On the 2Oth the Lord General rose veiy early and went towards the King's quarters, having first despatched and ordered many things for the army, and so accompanied with Sir Henry Unton and many others he alighted on a fair plain, md there he knighted Sir Henry Killigrew Aftei despatching his business in the King's quarters he took his journey towards Dieppe.

^6th November THE QUEEN'S LEJTTERS TO iin EMFIROR OF RUSSIA

Sir George Barnes, who tradeth much with Russia, understanding that the Queen, at the request of the King of Scotland, is about to write to the Emperor of Russia for the enlargement of a Scottish Captain, a prisoner in Moscow, writes to the Lord Treasurer that since the Queen hath sent several letteis for particular men and causes of little moment, it is

said in the Emperor's Court that the Queen of England's letters aie very cheap

ABUSES IN THE CLOTH TRADE

The Council being desirous of repressing certain abuses in the cloth trade have written to the Queen's Attorney General and others asbng them for their advice In the reign of King Edward the Sixth and of King Philip and Queen Mary certain laws were made concerning the true and perfect making of the cloth called Devonshire kerseys or dozens whereby a certain